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SUBJECT: ZULU PRESS CRITICIZES U.S. FOR ACCEPTING PHYSICIANS

1. NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN PHYSICIANS ARE EMIGRATING TO THE U.S. HAVE DRAWN CRITICISM IN LOCAL ZULU PRESS DIRECTED BOTH AT PHYSICIANS AND USG. JAN 13 EDITORIAL IN "ZULU VOICE" (WEEKLY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SUPPLEMENT TO ZULU NEWSPAPER "ILANGA") CONDEMNED ACTIONS OF WHITE PHYSICIANS WEANED AWAY TO AMERICA AFTER COSTLY STUDY PAID FOR BY PUBLIC FUNDS. "ZULU VOICE" WENT ON TO TAKE U.S. TO TASK FOR ACCEPTING PHYSICIANS. ACCORDING TO "BLACK VIEWPOINT" EDITORIAL, QTE IF AMERICA IS COMMITTED TO THE BLACK CAUSE AS IT CLAIMS IT IS, WHY DOES IT ROB US OF OUR BEST BRAINS TRAINED WITH OUR MONEY? HOW CAN THE WEALTHIEST AND MIGHTIEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD JUSTIFY HELPING IN THE TRAINING OF A HANDFUL OF BLACK DOCTORS AND THEN PROMPTLY GRAB HUNDREDS OF URGENTLY NEEDED WHITE DOCTORS. WE REPEAT: IT SHOULD NOT ACCEPT THEM. END QTE

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2. IN DISCUSSION JAN 14, ILANGA EDITOR ASSERTED THAT VIEWPOINT EXPRESSED IN EDITORIAL IS WIDELY HELD BY ZULU POPULATION AROUND DURBAN. HE STATED IT IS WIDELY ACCEPTED AMONG BLACKS THAT U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS ARE DIFFICULT WHERE MOST CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYMENT ARE CONCERNED BUT MORE FLEXIBLE REGARDING DOCTORS, SCIENTISTS, ETC. THEREIN, HE CLAIMED, BLACKS SEE THE U.S. ESSENTIALLY IN A HYPOCRITICAL ROLE.

3. COMMENT: ILANGA EDITOR INDICATED HE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO PRINTING STATEMENT FROM A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAKING CLEAR THAT THE INTENT OF RECENT U.S. LEGISLATION WAS (1) TO REDUCE DRAIN OF PHYSICIANS FROM OVERSEAS AND (2) THAT RECENT FLURRY OF IMMIGRATION WAS CONNECTED WITH LEGISLATIVELY-IMPOSED CUTOFF DATE AND DID NOT HAVE U.S. ENCOURAGEMENT. WE BELIEVE SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN TERMS OF U.S. IMAGE LOCALLY, AND ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND I BE AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY A LOW-KEY, MATTER OF FACT LETTER TO THIS EFFECT TO ILANGA EDITOR. DEPT/ EMBASSY COMMENT AND GUIDANCE WILL BE APPRECIATED.
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